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EPA Administrator Whitman: Introductory comments

First of all, a very warm welcome for all of you to the College of Public Health, and Health Sciences Center, of the University of South Florida.

And I extend my personal welcome to the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Christine Todd Whitman.

We are very pleased to host the first in a series of public listening sessions that will help the EPA shape a National Agenda on the Environment and Aging. There is no better place to convene this first session than right here in Florida, where more than 18 percent of our population is age 65 or older.

I find the intersection of aging and the environment interesting and important. Here at USF we pride ourselves on our faculty accomplishments in both fields of study. But bringing both together suggests the creation of a new kind of health workforce ... where medicine, nursing and most importantly public health come together.

This is the workforce we need in America. This is the workforce we're committed to build.

I hope you have a productive day here and throughout the national sessions. I predict you'll find strong and helpful ideas throughout the tour.